

## **MINUTES**

### **MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held on-line via Microsoft Teams on

**Monday 9 August 2021**

Beginning at 5:00pm

**Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting  
held on-line via Microsoft Teams on Monday 9 August 2021 commencing at 5:00pm.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

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Mayor Michael Regan	Northern Beaches Council - Council Representative
David Beharrell	Community Member - Environmental Representative
Geraldine Hall	Community Member - Recreational Representative
Ann Collins	Community Member - Community Representative
Mel Hall	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service - State Government Representative
Peter Bergman	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service - State Government Representative
Stan Rees	Department of Planning, Industry & Environment - Crown Lands Representative
Steven Lawler	Executive Manager, Parks & Recreation - Council Officer
Damian Ham	Manager, Open Space & Recreation Planning - Council Officer
Chris Buckley	Coordinator, Parks & Recreation - Council Officer
Chris Munro	Manager, Bushland & Biodiversity - Council Officer
Jessica Currie	Coordinator, Recreation Planning - Council Officer

**Guest Speakers**

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Jeremy Smith	Manager, Park Assets - Planning Design & Delivery
Brendan Smith	Team Leader Biodiversity and Planning - Council Officer

**Apologies:**

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Cr Stuart Sprott	Northern Beaches Council - Council Representative
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**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**2. APOLOGIES**

- Cr Stuart Sprott - Northern Beaches Council - Council Representative

**3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

- Geraldine Hall advised that she is a Committee member of the Manly & Warringah Water Ski Club.
- Ann Collins advised that she is a member of the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2021 were adopted.

**5. UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- The Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting Actions were presented. The Meeting Actions List and Plan of Management (2014) action logs requested to be distributed via email before the next meeting.

**ACTION**

- Council to distribute the Advisory Committee Meeting Actions List prior to each Advisory Committee meeting.
- Council to provide a regular update to the Advisory Committee on the Plan of Management (2014) Actions.

**6. AGENDA ITEMS**

**6.1 Standing Items:**

**6.1.1 Grants and Capital Works Update**

Jeremy Smith provided an update on:

- **Mountain bike and walking trails works**
- **Signage** – The installation of the Park entry & Circuit trail signs is to be prioritised.

**ACTION**

- Jeremy to present on the draft signage suite to the Advisory Committee at the November meeting
- **Boardwalk project**

Jeremy received questions about the boardwalk project including about:

- The possibility of a timeline extension for the boardwalk project due to COVID-19 restrictions and increased usage.
- The Intercept Survey results.
- Some members expressed concerns about the impact on trees and

vegetation and the proposed width of 2.5m.

- A request for further clarification on works relating to each section.
- It was noted the concept plan is in progress and the draft REF will be exhibited.
- Some options were also presented for Section 3 to 4.

#### **ACTION**

- Council to provide regular updates at key project milestones on the boardwalk project to the Advisory Committee.
- Traffic Study and Intercept Survey to be provided to the Advisory Committee.

### **6.2 State Heritage Register Nomination Update**

- The State Heritage Register Nomination was endorsed by Council at the July 2021 Council Meeting.
- Council has yet to submit the nomination.

#### **ACTION**

- Council to lodge the State Heritage Register Nomination submission.

### **6.3 Water-Skiing Update**

- A Councillor briefing is planned to be presented in September regarding water-skiing at the State Park with the view to go out to community consultation followed by a report to Council for consideration.
- The community consultation model process was discussed and clarified. Council's Community Engagement Framework and Policy governs this process.

#### **ACTION**

- Council to provide an update to the Advisory Committee regarding water-skiing at the State Park.

### **6.4 Plan of Management Actions - Land Tenure and Consolidation**

- Steve Lawler provided an overview of the Local Environment Plan (LEP) & Development Control Plan (DCP) Discussion Paper which is on exhibition until 5 September 2021.
- There was discussion around Crown Land and the State Park and there was a request for clarification on the lease details for 181 Allambie Road.
- SMDCC wrote to the Advisory Committee on 17 May 2021 and provided the Manly Warringah War Memorial Park POM 2014 for review and requested consideration of the Actions T1, T2, T9 & T12 from the 2014 POM which relate to Land Tenure Issues and Boundary Rationalisation of the Park. Related and included were also Actions C1 regarding Catchment & Water Quality, B4 regarding Park Management Boundary Management, BL1 regarding Bushland linkages, and S3 regarding Surrounding Land Uses & Park Neighbours.

## **ACTION**

- Stan Rees to provide clarification of the Lease for 181 Allambie Road including the end date.
- Council to update the Advisory Committee about the status of the Mermaid pools area.
- Council to update the Advisory Committee about the status of the Local Environment Plan (LEP) & Development Control Plan (DCP) Discussion Paper.
- Council and Crown Lands to review the POM actions and respond.

### **6.5 Biodiversity Stewardship Proposal (Beaches Link Offsets) Update**

- Brendan confirmed that negotiations are in progress with two government departments on the Biodiversity Stewardship proposal for the State Park and noted that the timeframes are not yet established and not in Council's control.
- Brendan Smith provided an update on the Biodiversity Stewardship Proposal for the State Park. It was noted that should the proposal proceed there will be a community engagement phase during which the Advisory Committee can provide comment.

## **ACTION**

- Council to provide regular updates at key project milestones on the Biodiversity Stewardship Proposal for the State Park to the Advisory Committee.

### **6.6 Mountain Biking Trail Audit Overview**

- Jessica Currie provided a detailed summary of the findings from the recent audits of Manly Dam Mountain Bike Trails for 1. Authorised mountain bike trails & 2. some unauthorised mountain bike both trails.
- Council has been consulting widely with riders to inform the actions in the draft Open Space and Recreation Strategy. Rider representatives were included on the project team for the audits of mountain bike trails at Manly Dam.
- There was discussion around compliance and messaging for the mountain bike community and the ongoing matter of unauthorised trail building. It was agreed that this is not acceptable and noted that additional rider signage across the Northern Beaches (including the State Park) has been included as an action in the Open Space and Recreation Strategy.
- Trail Care have been involvement in discussions around the trail audit.
- In the current delivery program 2021 – 2025 there has been \$50k identified in the 22/23 budget and \$1million in 23/24 budget for mountain bike trail upgrades.

### **6.7 Water Quality**

- This matter was not discussed and will be addressed at the next meeting.

## **ACTION**

- Council to provide a written update on water quality matters for Manly Dam prior to the next meeting.

- David B and Chris B to meet to discuss water quality matters.

#### **6.8 Role of the Advisory Committee**

- This matter was not discussed and will be addressed at the next meeting.

#### **6.9 Manly Dam Biodiversity Project Update**

- Ann Collins tabled an update to the Advisory Committee on the project and welcomed any questions.

### **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Next Meeting to be held on Monday 8 November 2021 commencing at 5:00pm.

**The meeting concluded at 7.35 pm**

**This is the final page of the Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park  
Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 9 August 2021 comprising 6 pages.**